

last month. His first connection with New Zealand was when Bishop Selwyn sent for him to assist in taking charge of S. John's College, Tamaki. When in 1853 the main operations of the College were suspended for a time, he carried on an English Boy's School, a proceeding for which his distinguished scholastic career and twelve years' experience as assistant master at Eton College admirably fitted him. In 1853 he was appointed Archdeacon

ter office to 1890. During his residence in New Zealand he took great interest in the Maori race, and championed their cause on several notable occasions. He was one of those unostentatious workers to whom the Church owes much.



Right Rev. C. J. Abraham, D.D.

of Waitemata, and also Bishop Selwyn's chaplain. It was with his able assistance that Bishop Selwyn first formed a Church Constitution for New Zealand. In 1858 he was consecrated Bishop of Wellington, and did excellent work in that diocese for some twelve years. On returning to England, he was connected with the Lichfield Cathedral as prebendary of Bobenhall, coadjutor bishop to Bishop Selwyn, and residentiary canon and precentor, for different terms, holding the lat-

THE NEW PRIMATE OF ENGLAND.

It would surprise no one that the Right Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, D.D., Bishop of Winchester, was selected for the new Primate of England in place of the late Archdeacon Temple. The nature of his career, his undoubted abilities and the great influence he could command, were bound to lead up to such a preferment. He had only been ordained three years when he was appointed chaplain and secretary to Archbishop Tait, of Canterbury. A year later he married one of the Archbishop's daughters. He continued to hold his post of chaplain and secretary to Tait's successor after that prelate's death. The late Queen showed him the high esteem in which she held him by appointing him to the Deanery of Windsor. He held the Bishopric of Rochester before that of Winchester. It is pleasing to note that the new Archbishop has none of the old narrow views which have done so much to retard the greater usefulness of the Church—that intolerant uncharitableness towards other sects which has not unnaturally caused so many of its enemies to blaspheme. He is essentially broad-minded in his religious views, has a charm of manner which is not too common amongst those in high positions, and never spares himself when work is to be done. The cause of temperance owes much to his untiring energy. King Edward showed his appreciation of this distinguished and genial ecclesiastic last year by conferring upon him the honour of Knight Commander of the Victorian Order.